

## 2014 Meeting Minutes

**ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY CARDIOLOGISTS  
53rd Annual Meeting  
Royal Palms Resort & Spa  
Phoenix, AZ  
January 8-10, 2014**

### **Minutes**

The annual meeting of the Association of University Cardiologists was preceded by a Council meeting and an Emeritus meeting on Wednesday, January 8th, 2014.

#### **Council Meeting, Wednesday, January 8th, 2014 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Present: President, Kim Eagle, M.D., Vice President, Jeffrey Bender, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer, Ivor Benjamin, M.D.; Councilors, C. Noel Bairey-Merz, M.D.; Emelia Benjamin, M.D.; Peter Buttrick, M.D., and David Pinsky, M.D.

The meeting was called to order by President Eagle at 2:00 pm.

The financial report for fiscal year 2013 was given by Secretary-Treasurer Ivor Benjamin. The financial projection for year 2014 was also presented by Dr. Benjamin.

Deaths of the following AUC members were noted: Drs. George Cooper and Burton Sobel.

The Council approved the following changes in membership:

Transfer to Emeritus Status for Bradford Berk, Wilson Colucci, Arthur Feldman, Peter Libby, Gerald Naccarelli, Steven Nissen, and Ron Victor.

Of the 12 Active members in jeopardy for nonattendance, 6 were present at the meeting (Brian Annex, Raymond Gibbons, Mandeep Mehra, Holly Middlekauf, Virend Somers and Gordon Tomaselli) and no further action was taken by the Council regarding these members. Three members (Benjamin Levine, Lawrence Young and Michael Zile) whose membership was in jeopardy did not attend. A letter will be sent to each of them continuing their membership contingent upon them presenting an abstract at the 2015 meeting January 21-23, 2015 at Carmel Valley Ranch in Carmel, CA, and having their dues up to date. A letter was sent to Louis Dell'Italia removing him from the membership for non-attendance and payment of dues. Two members (Roberto Bolli and Flordeliza Villanueva) will receive excused absences as they had submitted requests prior to the meeting.

The Council reviewed 13 candidates for membership and 2 candidates for honorary membership. At the AUC Business Meeting Friday, the Council will recommend the following eight candidates for membership: Keith Ferdinand, Robert Gerszten, Linda Gillam, Robert Harrington, L. Kristin Newby, Rita Redberg, Veronique Roger, and Thomas Wang. William Frishman and Ileana Pina were recommended as honorary members.

Dr. Eagle will appoint an Auditing Committee to review the AUC books and will give a report at the Business Meeting on Friday morning.

The Council also discussed the options of meeting sites and dates for 2017. The members will be surveyed at the Friday morning Business Meeting to see if January 18-20, 2017 would be acceptable as the dates for the 2017 AUC meeting and if they would like to return to the Royal Palms Resort and Spa.

A discussion was held regarding payment of back dues. It was decided that each member of the council would contact several individuals directly in order to rectify this situation.

There being no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. by Dr. Eagle.

**Emeritus Session – Wednesday, January 8th, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Members present at the 2013 Emeritus Session included:

Emeritus members: Francois Abboud, R. Wayne Alexander, Jeffrey Anderson, William Barry, Gerald Berenson, Lawrence Cohen, J. Michael Criley, Michael Ezekowitz, Nancy Flowers, Bernard Gersh, William Grossman, Donald Heistad, Leo Horan, Allan Jaffe, Richard Leighton, Martin LeWinter, Beverly Lorell, Frank Marcus, Allyn Mark, James Marsh, Jere Mitchell, James Muller, Rose Marie Robertson, John Rutherford, James Scheuer, Nanette Wenger

Active members: Steven Bergmann, Samuel Dudley, Peter Ganz, Samuel Goldhaber, Joseph Hill, Alice Jacobs, Carlin Long, Edward McFalls, Holly Middlekauf, W. Robert Taylor.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. Mark.

The 2014 Emeritus session featured 2 presentations:

1. Dr. N.A. Mark Estes, “Atrial Fibrillation: Is the Paradigm Shifting”?

Discussion.

1. Dr. Virend Somers, “To Sleep, Perchance to Wake – Sleep Apnea, Arrhythmias and Sudden Death”.

Discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**Reception – Wednesday, January 8th, 2014, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

The reception was held in the Vernadero Lawn and was attended by approximately 122 members and guests (compared to 121 the previous year).

**President's Program – Thursday, January 9th, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Dr. Eagle, President of the Association, introduced Dr. Leroy Hood, Ph.D., Institute for Systems Biology. Dr. Hood presented the 28th George Burch Memorial Lecture on “A Systems Approach to Disease: Dynamics and Diagnostics”.

The Featured Lecture was presented by Elizabeth Nabel, M.D., President, Brigham and Women's Hospital on “Future of Academic Health Systems in a Reformed Health Care Delivery System”.

The President's Lecture, “**Evolving Understanding and Treatment of Acute Thoracic Aortic Syndromes**” was presented by Dr. Kim Eagle, University of Michigan.

**First Scientific Session, Thursday, January 9th, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Dr. Eagle presented those new members who were present and/or presenting abstracts:

Nanette Bishopric  
James Liao  
Edward McFalls  
Christopher O'Connor  
Hakan Oral

Ralph Shoheit  
Robert Simari  
Susan Smyth  
Scott Solomon  
Joseph Wu

*Presentation of abstracts:*

*A Four Dimensional View of Cardiovascular Cell Therapy*

**Robert D. Simari, M.D.**, Professor of Medicine, Vice Chair, Division of Cardiovascular Diseases, Mayo Clinic

*Patient-Specific Stem Cells and Cardiovascular Drug Delivery*

**Joseph C. Wu, M.D.**, Professor of Medicine and Radiology, Co-Director, Stanford Cardiovascular Institute, Stanford School of Medicine

*Inhibitors and Effectors of Hypertrophy at the EP300 Node*

**Nanette H. Bishopric, M.D.**, Professor of Pharmacology and Medicine, University of Miami

*Control of Mitochondrial Biogenesis and Energy Metabolism by Rho-associated Coiled-coil Containing Kinase 2*

**James K. Liao, M.D.**, Professor of Medicine, Chief, Section of Cardiology, University of Chicago

*Hibernating Myocardium: Will It Ever Awaken?*

**Edward McFalls, M.D.**, Chief of Cardiology, VA Medical Center, Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota

*Anticoagulation in Stroke Prevention*

**Michael Ezekowitz, M.D.**, Director of Atrial Fibrillation Research and Education, Cardiovascular Research Foundation

*Intravenous Insulin for Treatment of Hyperglycemic Patient during ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction: A QI Analysis*

**James Scheuer M.D.**, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center

**Reception and Black Tie Dinner, Estrella**

**Thursday, January 9th, 2014, 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

There were approximately 134 members and guests who enjoyed a reception and black tie dinner (approximately 135 last year). Dr. Eagle recognized the new members at the meeting.

**Business Meeting, Friday, January 10th, 2014, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

Dr. Eagle called the meeting to order. The minutes of the 2013 meeting in St. Petersburg, Florida were submitted to the membership and approved by those present at the Business Meeting.

Memorial minutes were presented as follows:

Dr. George Cooper – memorial given by Dr. Kim Eagle  
Dr. Burton Sobel – memorial given by Dr. Lawrence Cohen

Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Ivor Benjamin gave a financial report for 2013. He reported that the AUC had a beginning 2013 balance of \$109,377.89 and an ending balance of \$113,498.31.

Dr. Benjamin gave a short slide presentation showing the meeting attendance for the last several years. Dr. Eagle raised the issue of the 2017 meeting. The members affirmed that they would like to return to the Royal Palms Resort and Spa. January 18-20, 2017 were the proposed dates.

The next three meetings will be as follows:

January 21-23, 2015 – Carmel Valley Ranch, Carmel, CA  
January 14-16, 2016 – Renaissance Vinoy Resort, St, Petersburg, FL  
January 18-20, 2017 – Royal Palms Resort and Spa, Phoenix, AZ

Dr. Cohen gave the Auditing Committee report after reviewing the books for 2013. Everything was in order. Dr. Cohen noted that the major source of funding was from dues received. The annual meeting is the one of the largest expenditures.

The Nominating Committee presented the following list of candidates to fill the Council vacancies:

President – Jeffrey Bender  
Vice President – C. Noel Bairey-Merz  
Secretary - Treasurer – Ivor Benjamin  
Councilors – Kim Eagle as outgoing president  
Emelia Benjamin  
Anne Curtis  
Robert Simari

Nominees were accepted by acclamation of the members present.

Ballots were passed out to the Active members so they could vote on the 8 nominees recommended by the Council for acceptance into membership of the AUC. A count of the ballots showed that all 8 nominees had at least a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote of the Active members present, and they will be accepted as new members. The new members are:

Keith Ferdinand

L. Kristin Newby

Robert Gerszten

Rita Redberg

Linda Gillam

Veronique Roger

Robert Harrington

Thomas Wang

The honorary members are: William Frishman and Ileana Pina.

A discussion was held regarding increasing AUC membership going forward. AUC membership has been pegged to the number of medical schools in the US (previously 125). It was decided to increase the membership to 135 members to allow more new members to be accepted going forward. The members voted and membership will be increased to 135.

There was discussion regarding membership dues. It was decided to increase active membership dues from \$450 to \$500 and emeritus from \$225 to \$250. This would increase revenue going forward. The membership voted on dues being increased and this passed.

After brief discussion, the members agreed to accept and include all submission of abstracts in the program book.

There being no other business, the leadership was transferred to Dr. Jeffrey Bender, who presented Kim Eagle with an engraved gavel in appreciation of his tenure as AUC President for 2013-14 and the meeting was adjourned.

Total meeting attendance of AUC members (as taken from the sign-in roster book) was as follows:

Active Members – 52  
Emeritus Members – 26  
Inactive Members – 2  
Honorary Members – 1

The officers for 2015 are:

President: Jeffrey Bender, M.D.  
Vice President: C. Noel Bairey-Merz, M.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer: Ivor Benjamin, M.D.

Councilors:

Past President: Kim Eagle, M.D.  
Emelia Benjamin, M.D. (2nd year of 3 year term)  
Anne Curtis, M.D. (1st year of 3 year term)



Robert Simari, M.D. (1st year of 3 year term)

2013-14 AUC Membership:

Active: 127

Inactive: 10

Emeritus: 153

Honorary: 2

Total membership: 292

**Second Scientific Session, Friday, January 10th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

*Continuation of presentation of abstracts:*

*Exercise Therapy for Heart Failure: Lessons learned and Unanswered Questions*  
**Christopher O'Connor, M.D.**, Professor of Medicine, Chief, Division of Clinical Pharmacology, Duke University Medical Center

*Lysophospholipid Signaling in Atherosclerosis*  
**Susan S. Smyth, M.D., Ph.D.** Jeff Gill Professor of Cardiology, Chief, Division of Cardiology, University of Kentucky

*Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction: An Agnostics Approach to Understanding a Disease that May or May Not Exist*  
**Scott D. Solomon, M.D.**, Professor of Medicine, Brigham & Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School

*A MicroRNA that Regulates SERCA and Cardiac Contractility*  
**Ralph V. Shohet, M.D.**, Professor of Medicine, Director of Cardiovascular Research, Center for Cardiovascular Research, University of Hawaii

*Towards a Cure for Atrial Fibrillation*

**Hakan Oral, M.D.**, Professor of Internal Medicine, Director, Section of Electrophysiology, University of Michigan

The 53rd Annual Scientific Session of the Association of University Cardiologists was then concluded by Dr. Bender.

Respectfully submitted,

Ivor J. Benjamin, M.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Association of University Cardiologists